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Loogootee Community School Corporation

Billed Entity Number: 130680 Form 471 Application Number: 455222

Funding Request Number: 1281332, 1281699, 1281803

CC Docket No. 02-6

This is a Request for Review of a decision made by the SLD for Funding Request Number(s): 1281332, 1281699, and 1281803 for the 2005-2006 Funding Year. A correspondence from the SLD dated April 8, 2005 stated:

Your Form 471 Certification was postmarked on <u>02/20/2005</u>, which is AFTER the 2005-2006 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 18, 2005.

A copy of that correspondence is attached.

I filed an appeal with the SLD electronically on April 13, 2005 stating the following:

This letter is a notice of appeal to the decision rendered for Form 471 Application Number 455222 that indicated the Form 471 Certification was postmarked on 2/20/2005, which is after the filing window. I have no evidence other than to look at the mailing stamp/label. I took the form to the post office, had it weighed, and had the post office put a mailing stamp/label on the envelope. After consulting with the post office, the manager in charge told me there is a date stamp on the mailing label. That date will indicate I mailed the form in a timely manner. To the best of my knowledge, Loogootee Community Schools has never missed a filing deadline. Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

On October 13, 2005, I received a Decision on Appeal for Funding Request Number(s): 1281332, 1281699, and 1281803. The SLD denied the appeal and provided the following explanation:

A thorough review of your appeal letter, the relevant facts and documents, shows that you filed the Form 471 application online within the program application filing window. However, the Form 471 certification was received on February 25, 2005. As the postmark on the envelope is illegible, per program rules, the SLD backdated the receipt date 5 days to determine the postmark date, February 20, 2005.

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## The SLD decision letter further stated:

SLD denied your funding request (s) because it determined that your Form 471 Certification was not postmarked on or before the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005. In order to be considered within the filing window, both the application and the certification must be completed. You have failed to demonstrate that the Form 471 Certification was postmarked on or before February 18, 2005, consequently, your appeal is denied.

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The 471 Certification was signed by Loogootee Community School Corporation's Superintendent, Larry Weitkamp on Thursday, February 17th and mailed that day through the local post office (document enclosed). The manager of the post office stated that sometimes documents are not postmarked until they reach the regional post office distribution center. Consequently, the SLD Certification Form in question received a postmark of Sunday, February 20, 2005. He advised me to have the receiver of the document look at the mailing label to determine the date the postage was purchased and document received and the local post office. My electronic appeal dated, April 13, 2005 made that request. However, somewhere between April 13, 2005 when I filed the appeal and October 13, 2005 when I received the denial notification from the SLD the postmark became "illegible." The original denial letter sent by the SLD dated April 8, 2005 (document enclosed) stated the postmark was 2/20/05. Furthermore, since the postmark was "illegible" the SLD stated existing program rules dictate they backdate the receipt date (February 25, 2005) five days to determine the postmark date of February 20, 2005.

The procedures and timeliness of the post office are out of my control, and I feel that throughout the process, I followed the existing rules and procedures and filed the necessary forms in good faith and in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Technology/Curriculum Director

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## Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

## Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2005-2006

October 13, 2005

Mike Tippery Loogootee Community School Corporation 201 Brooks Avenue Loogootee, IN 47553

Re: Applicant Name:

LOOGOOTEE COMM SCHOOL CORP

Billed Entity Number:

130680

Form 471 Application Number:

455222

Funding Request Number(s):

1281332, 1281699, 1281803

Your Correspondence Received:

April 13, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Certification Postmarked Outside of Window Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

<u>Funding Request Number(s)</u>:

1281332, 1281699, 1281803

Decision on Appeal:

Denied

Explanation:

- In your appeal letter you state that the manager of the post office advised you that
  the date stamp on the mailing label would indicate that you mailed the form in a
  timely manner. You also state that Loogootee Community Schools has never
  missed a filing deadline. In closing, you would like the SLD to reconsider its
  position.
- A thorough review of your appeal letter, the relevant facts and documents, shows that you filed the Form 471 application online within the program application filing window. However, the Form 471 certification was received on February 25, 2005. As the postmark on the envelope is illegible, per program rules, the SLD backdated the receipt date 5 days to determine the postmark date, February 20, 2005. Program rules require that the Form 471 application and certification

must be completed and postmarked on or before the close of the filing window for the Funding Year in order for the request to receive consideration as inside the window. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all forms are completed in a correct and timely manner.

- SLD denied your funding request(s) because it determined that your Form 471
  Certification was not postmarked on or before the close of the filing window on
  February 18, 2005. In order to be considered within the filing window, both the
  application and the certification must be completed. You have failed to
  demonstrate that the Form 471 Certification was postmarked on or before
  February 18, 2005. Consequently, your appeal is denied.
- The FCC requires all parts of an application to be postmarked by the final date of the filing window for the relevant funding year for the application to be treated as having been filed within the filing window. See Request for Review by Alpine County Unified School District, et . al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 ¶¶2 and 4. (rel. Jan. 14, 2002). This includes the Form 470 Certification, the Form 471 application, and the Form 471Certification.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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## FUNDING YEAR 2005 FORM 471 CERTIFICATION POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW

April 8, 2005

Mike Tippery LOOGOOTEE COMM SCHOOL CORP 201 BROOKS AVE LOOGOOTEE, IN 47553

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: YR8CELL05 Form 471 Application Number: 455222

Dear Mike Tippery:

We are sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 Certification was postmarked on 02/20/2005, which is AFTER the 2005-2006

filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 18, 2005. Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the SLD section of the USAC web site at www.sl.universalservice.org once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of 2005-2006 applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for the 2006-2007 application process, please visit our web site or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

### TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal the decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

- 1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
- State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name,
  - BEN
  - Application number as assigned by the SLD,
  - Name of the letter and funding year (both are located at the top of the letter),

AND

- The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
- 3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

- 4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant affected by the SLD's decision.
- 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on the web site. Click "continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division Box 125 - Correspondence Unit 80 South Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company

Entity Number 130680	Applicant's Form Identifier_	YR8CELL05
Contact Person Mike Tippery	Phone Number	812 295-2595

- 31 X l acknowledge that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
- 32 X I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to the Administrator.
  I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- 133 X I certify that I am authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this request, that all of the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that are receiving discounts pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
- 34 X I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities listed on this application, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or the entities listed on this application, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism.
- 1 certify that if any of the Funding Requests on this Form 471 are for discounts for products or services that contain both eligible and ineligible components, that I have allocated the cost of the contract to eligible and ineligible components as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.504(g)(1), (2).
- 36 X I certify that this funding request does not constitute a request for internal connections services, except basic maintenance services, in violation of the Commission requirement that eligible entities are not eligible for such support more than twice every five funding years beginning with Funding Year 2005 as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.506(c).
- 37 K I certify that the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider. The pre-discount costs of eligible services featured on this Form 471 are net of any rebates or discounts offered by the service provider. I acknowledge that, for the purpose of this rule, the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.

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Applicant Name:

Loogootee Community School Corporation

Billed Entity Number:

130680

Form 471 Application Number:

454754

Funding Request Number:

1251610

CC Docket No. 02-6

This is a <u>Request for Review</u> of a decision made by the SLD for Funding Request Number 1251610 for the 2005-2006 Funding Year. A correspondence from the SLD dated April 8, 2005 stated:

Your Form 471 Certification was postmarked on <u>02/20/2005</u>, which is AFTER the 2005-2006 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 18, 2005.

A copy of that correspondence is attached.

I filed an appeal with the SLD electronically on April 13, 2005 stating the following:

This letter is a notice of appeal to the decision rendered for Form 471 Application Number 454754 that indicated the Form 471 Certification was postmarked on 2/20/2005, which is after the filing window. I have no evidence other than to look at the mailing stamp/label. I took the form to the post office, had it weighed, and had the post office put a mailing stamp/label on the envelope. After consulting with the post office, the manager in charge told me there is a date stamp on the mailing label. That date will indicate I mailed the form in a timely manner. To the best of my knowledge, Loogootee Community Schools has never missed a filing deadline. Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

On October 13, 2005, I received a Decision on Appeal for Funding Request Number 1251610. The SLD denied the appeal and provided the following explanation:

A thorough review of your appeal letter, the relevant facts and documents, shows that you filed the Form 471 application online within the program application filing window. However, the Form 471 certification was received on February 25, 2005. As the postmark on the envelope is illegible, per program rules, the SLD backdated the receipt date 5 days to determine the postmark date, February 20, 2005.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Technology/Curriculum Director

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## FUNDING YEAR 2005 FORM 471 CERTIFICATION POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW

April 8, 2005

MIKE TIPPERY LOOGOOTEE COMM SCHOOL CORP 201 BROOKS AVE LOOGOOTEE, IN 47553

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: YR8LOCAL05 Form 471 Application Number: 454754

### Dear MIKE TIPPERY:

We are sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 Certification was postmarked on 02/20/2005, which is AFTER the 2005-2006

filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 18, 2005. Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the SLD section of the USAC web site at www.sl.universalservice.org once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

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- State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name,
  - BEN,
  - Application number as assigned by the SLD,
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## Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

October 13, 2005

Mike Tippery Loogootee Comm School Corp 201 Brooks Ave Loogootee, IN 47553

Re: Applicant Name:

LOOGOOTEE COMM SCHOOL CORP

Billed Entity Number:

130680

Form 471 Application Number: Funding Request Number(s):

454754 1251610

Your Correspondence Received: April 13, 2005

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Funding Request Number(s):

1251610

Decision on Appeal:

Denied

Explanation:

- In your appeal letter you state that the manager of the post office advised you that the date stamp on the mailing label would indicate that you mailed the form in a timely manner. You also state that Loogootee Community Schools has never missed a filing deadline. In closing, you would like the SLD to reconsider its position.
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Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company

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Contact Person_	MIKE TIPPERY	_ Phone Number	812 295-2595

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